

Oral History Project
World Studies 7

Oral history is an important component to family life in many cultures. What kind of oral history has been passed down in your family? Older family members are a great resource for history. They have lived some of the very things you will study throughout your school years.

Use the following guidelines to find out Oral history about your family. If no longer have grandparents or are not in close contact with them, please talk to people who are close to you (ex. People at church, aunts and uncles, other relatives).

After you have compiled all the information, get pictures of those you interviewed. Try to get a picture from “way back when” and a current photo. Be prepared to share the information in class. If you would like to mount the pictures on a poster board, feel free but it is not required!

Mother

Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Childhood Home: _____

Brothers or sisters: _____

Happiest childhood memory: _____

Pets: _____ **First Job:** _____

Most famous person you have ever met: _____

Humorous or exciting story: _____

Father

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Childhood Home: _____

Brothers or sisters: _____

Happiest childhood memory: _____

Pets: _____ First Job: _____

Most famous person you have ever met: _____

Humorous or exciting story: _____

Grandparents

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Childhood Home: _____

Brothers or sisters: _____

Happiest childhood memory: _____

Pets: _____ First Job: _____

Most famous person you have ever met: _____

Humorous or exciting story: _____

Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Childhood Home: _____

Brothers or sisters: _____

Happiest childhood memory: _____

Pets: _____ **First Job:** _____

Most famous person you have ever met: _____

Humorous or exciting story: _____

Other Relatives:

Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Childhood Home: _____

Brothers or sisters: _____

Happiest childhood memory: _____

Pets: _____ **First Job:** _____

Most famous person you have ever met: _____

Humorous or exciting story: _____

Another way families pass on history is through heirlooms. Heirlooms are valued possessions passed down from generation to generation. Describe any heirlooms your family has.

How has oral history played a part in your family's history?

What would you want your descendants to remember about your family heritage?
